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March 12, 1981

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

In keeping with long traditions of concern for the health of three-quarters of the world's population - the residents of the developing world - representatives of the Rockefeller and the Josiah Macy Jr. Foundations held a conference, October 20-22, 1980, entitled, The Present Status and Future of Parasitology. Participants were drawn from academic institutions, federal health agencies, and philanthropic organizations.

Although parasitic diseases continue to be major scourges of man and domestic animals, unfortunately they are largely neglected by the scientific community and by potential sources of financial support. From the two days of intensive discussions it became clear that given the present advanced states of biological knowledge and application of the new and powerful tools of the biomedical sciences, rapid progress can now be made in the development of effective preventive and therapeutic measures for controlling these diseases.


You will find enclosed the program of the October conference, list of participants with their affiliations, and a summary statement endorsed by the participants. As a follow-up to that conference we now wish to convene a group of representatives of organizations with a current or potential interest in the control and/or eradication of the major parasitic disease problems of man and domestic animals wherever they occur. We will arrange a series of presentations by leading scientists to explore such questions as the extent and causative factors in major disease entities, as well as the role of preventive vaccines and drugs and the prospects for their rapid development. The program will afford ample opportunity for questions and comments by all participants; we propose a maximum of twenty-five persons.

The meeting will be held at The Rockefeller Foundation in New York City on June 16, 1981, beginning at 10:00 AM and terminating at 5:00 PM. We would greatly appreciate your acceptance of this invitation to participate in these discussions. Kindly advise us if you are able to attend by writing to the above address, or telephone (212) 869-8500, Extension 577.

Sincerely yours,


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